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Scott Walker, Governor
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Dear Youth Apprenticeship Coordinators and Other Interested Parties:

We are pleased to announce the release of the 2013-2014 Youth Apprenticeship Local Grant and Program Application Request for Proposals. As you know, Governor Walker is dedicated to empowering Wisconsin students to pursue opportunities that will lead to fulfilling careers through effective programs like the Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Program.

As I travel the state, employers consistently tell me about their difficulty in finding skilled workers. The Youth Apprenticeship program is a critical component to help employers train the workers they need and enable youth to develop valuable work experience.

In January 2013, the Department of Workforce Development initiated a policy change that brings exciting possibilities for innovation, flexibility and expansion to serve additional students. These enhancements will further strengthen the Youth Apprenticeship program's role as a dependable pipeline for skills development for tomorrow's workers.

With the new policy, consortia can establish student-employer connections anywhere in the state where school districts choose to affiliate, and school districts can now affiliate with more than one YA consortium. Thanks to this change, school districts and consortia have more choices to select YA programs for their students.

This 2013-14 RFP grant application also encourages existing consortia to broaden their programs to enroll a greater variety of students and to increase the number of students served.

The deadline to submit proposals to DWD is May 31st and late applications will not be accepted. Any questions regarding the application process should be directed to Francine Horton, who can be reached at 608-267-7210 or Francine.Horton@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

Thank you for the work you do to serve youth and employers in your communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reggie Newson".

Reggie Newson
Secretary